TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1305 - SB 1804

March 5, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires juvenile courts to conduct child custody proceedings in compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Indian Child Welfare Act was enacted in 1978 and sets federal requirements that apply to child custody proceedings, which include foster care placement, termination of parental rights, and pre-adoptive placement or adoptive placement, involving American Indian children who are members of or are eligible members of a federally recognized tribe.
- The juvenile courts will not incur an impact to expenditures or revenues to comply with the provisions of the bill because it is the practice of the juvenile courts to comply with current federal law.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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